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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In r the Applicati n of

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For:

HYDRAULIC TENSIONER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

Amend claims 6, 7 and 8 as set forth in **Attachment A-1**. A clean copy of the claims as amended is set forth in **Attachment A-2**.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency. It is believed that the application is now in condition for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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